

**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY OF MASSACHUSETTS
TO H.R. 1378,
A BILL TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT
PIPELINE SAFETY ACTIVITIES UNDER CHAPTER 601 OF TITLE 49. OF
THE UNITED STATES CODE**

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

SECTION 2. LIMITATION ON FUNDING -- (a) None of the funds authorized to be appropriated pursuant to this Act may obligated or expended for the Office of Pipeline Safety unless, whenever that Office has received a recommendation from the National Transportation Safety Board regarding pipeline safety, it submits a formal written response to each such recommendation within 90 days after receiving the recommendation. The response shall indicate whether the Office intends –

- (1) to carry out procedures to adopt the complete recommendations;
 - (2) to carry out procedures to adopt a part of the recommendation; or
 - (3) to refuse to carry out procedures to adopt the recommendation.
- (b) **TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETING PROCEDURES AND REASONS FOR REFUSALS.** – A response under subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section shall include a copy of a proposed timetable for completing the procedures. A response under subsection (a)(2) of this section shall detail the reasons for the refusal to carry out procedures on the remainder of the recommendations. A response under subsection (a)(3) of this section shall detail the reasons for the refusal to carry out procedures to adopt the recommendation.
- (c) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—The Office shall make a copy of each recommendation and response available to the public, including in electronic form.
- (d) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**— The Office shall submit to Congress on January 1 of each year a report containing each recommendation on pipeline safety made by the Board to the Office during the prior year and a copy of the Office’s response to each recommendation.